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## Mayor Healy and City Council to Host a Press Preview of the Newly Restored City Council Chambers

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and members of the Municipal Council will host a press preview of the newly restored City Council Chambers at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 280 Grove Street.

The city has recently completed a \$1.9 million historic restoration of the chambers, which was originally constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. In addition to restoring the chambers to its original appearance, the room has been equipped with new HVAC systems, restored and improved lighting, sound systems, and an interactive audio/visual system. Woodwork and ornamental plaster has been restored, and repairs have been made to the original stained glass windows and dome.

"The restoration of the Council Chambers is truly spectacular and something all of our residents should take the opportunity to see," said **Mayor Healy**. "Not only do we now have beautifully restored chambers, but we also have a state-of-the-art council chambers that will allow us to conduct our council meetings and other public meetings with modern technology."

The 11-month project was funded in part by a \$300,000 grant from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund with an additional \$1.6 million from the city's capital improvement budget. Architects Holt Morgan Russell, of Princeton, New Jersey, worked in conjunction with the City of Jersey City Division of Architecture in the restoration project.

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